

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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| Applicant: | Mark D. Scott et al. | Examiner: | R. Hayes |
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**RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37
C.F.R. 1.116**

BOX AF (AFTER FINAL AMENDMENT)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed on 3
OCTOBER 2001.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims, without prejudice, as follows:

1. A non-aggregating, non-immunogenic anuclear cellular composition
consisting of:
 - a) a mammalian anuclear cell having a cell surface and antigenic
determinants on said surface;
a sufficient amount of hydrophilic, biocompatible, non-immunogenicity
providing compound or polymer covalently attached to said surface so that
recognition of said antigenic determinants on said surface is blocked by
said covalently bonded hydrophilic, biocompatible, non-immunogenicity
providing compound or polymer.